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Minutes of the of Brent Knoll Parish Council meeting that was held at the Parish Hall on **11th January 2017** commencing at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr A Hurkett, Cllr C Townsend, Cllr P Osborn, Cllr C Trivett Bill, Cllr R Filmer, Cllr R Hall, Cllr M Borland, Cllr Harper Cllr B Freestone and Clerk Owen Cullwick there were no members of the public present at this meeting

"Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal opportunities (race gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime disorder and Human Rights

267/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr I Ward and Cllr D Knott these were accepted unanimously by the meeting

268/16: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr R Filmer declared interest on the grounds of pre determination on all planning matters, Cllr R Hall declared a prejudicial interest on planning application **07/16/00028**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

269/16: The minutes from the meeting on the **7th December 2016** were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

270/16: Cllr R Filmer left the meeting having previously declared an interest on 245/16 . And Cllr R Hall left the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest on the first planning application 07/16/2016

271/16: Applications responded to

07/16/00028: Erection of a carport and a shed at Pink Thyme Cottage Burton Row Brent Knoll TA9 4BX

Response: The Parish Council decided unanimously not to support this application on the grounds that the application is confused and unclear on what is being proposed.

272/16: Cllr R Hall returned to the meeting

07/16/00025: Erection of a detached garage with first floor storage area and single storey extension to side (East) elevation on site of existing (to be demolished) at Croft Orchard Burton Row Brent Knoll TA9 4BY

Response:

The Parish Council offer no observations to this application

07/16/00026: Variation of conditions 2 & 3 of planning permission 07/15/00016 (installation of a Solar Park with an output of approximately 2.79mw) to extend the duration of the planning permission from 25 years and 6 months to 30 years and 6 months and to amend the layout on land at Wick Lane

Response: To support the proposal and variation of planning permission 07/15/00016 on the grounds of previously granted permission on the same land with existing infrastructure and that there are no material differences to the project and the extension of 5 years will not affect the local community.

07/16/00030: Widening of existing access on to Wick Lane to accommodate heavy Goods vehicles for the construction period of the Wick Lane Solar Farm (Application reference 07/15/00016 approved on the 17th December 2015) On land at Wick Lane Brent Knoll TA9 4BU

Response: Majority support this application on the grounds of reducing the impact of traffic congestion in Wick Lane

Town and Country Planning Act : Appeal to the secretary of State against the Council's refusal to grant planning consent **Application no 07/16/00010 for the retention of change of use and conversion of farm building to dwelling** on land at Bramble Farm Harp Road Mark TA9 4HQ

Response: Our previous objection remains as agreed by the Parish Council on 7th September 2016 and unanimous view of this application remains unchanged

273/16 On Footpath matters

The requested gate for AX 8.1 is still awaiting delivery from Chris East of the County Council

Action: Clerk to follow up with Chris East with delivery timings

27416: On Highway Matters

(a) A number of issues exist in both Station road and Crooked lane with regard to crumbling surface and general poor conditions that require a visit by Gary Adams of Highways and to report back on findings

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

(b) A damaged Kerbstone outside 75, Brent Street has not been repaired as a result of the County highways regarding the issue as not sufficiently serious to warrant Council repairs. It was decided to ask the clerk to ascertain from the Highways why this is.

Signature of Chairman

Action: Clerk to contact highways

(c) Opposite the Cider Farm near Brent Corner a pavement is collapsing into the nearby rhyne and needs attention by highways

Action: Will be reported to highways

275/16 Village Green and Toilet Block and Car Park areas

(a) The green has been wet at this time of the year and the only green issue to report is some overgrown hedging by the trim trail.

(b) It was suggested that the heater at the rear of the toilet block be turned during the potential for some colder weather.

276/16: GB Sports and Play Equipment

Cllr Freestone with a working party have looked at a number of long standing issues with regard to play equipment refurbishment and general upgrading.

Priorities for immediate action:

*Contact details on entrance sign i.e. Telephone number, email address of a member of the PC.

- Chain link fence to side of area to be attended to.
- Tile safety surface on roundabout to be filled in, check on mats sinking..
- Spring rocker, new turf to be cut in instead of leveling with topsoil
- Safety surface round bench seat to be re-turfed.
- Chain net eye bolt fixings on Junior Multiplay to be attended to and secure tiles on same and clean.
- Trim Trail swinging step posts. Returf under balance beam and step post.
- Shackles to underside of steps to be replaced

Other points, not so urgent, to be attended to are as follows:

- Fencing area to top of area by swings
- Freestanding slide matting surface.
- Timber decks on roundabout.
- Returfing on safety surface round bench seat.
- Balance beam and step post base to be returfed.

N.B. One member of the group felt that returfing appropriate areas would be more effective than covering with soil.

Andy Selway needs to be contacted to finalise the choice of colors of painting the bars on the roundabout.

Another member suggested that we should find out what other parishes do with reference to contact details on the entrance sign

In order to facilitate the start of these improvements the following action was agreed

(a) To ask our contractor to quote for re turfing where required and

(b) Brian Freestone to meet with Colin Lewis of GB Sports on his next visit

Signature of Chairman

277/16: Flood Mitigation Group

A matter of Rhyne management raised with a local resident who has been in Touch with Matthew Wall of The Axe Brue Drainage board the clerk will contact Matthew Wall to ascertain what has been agreed. A request was made to use the pump to flush out from a Rhyne on privately owned land.

278/16: Parish Surgery

Two Members of the public visited with concerns over the affordable housing proposals for Station Road

279/16: Clerks Matters

(a) Affordable Housing team to meet with the Council to identify any new matters and to establish the way forward

(b) Adoption of telephone Kiosk in the village by The Parish Council underway

(c) The clerk introduced the first of several sessions on administrative and legal matters in order to keep the Parish Council updated and compliant. The subject matter of this session was declaration of pecuniary interest by members

280/16: Correspondence

(a) A letter from James Heapey Local MP (for information purposes)

(b) Letter from local resident regarding footpath gates

281/16 PAYMENTS AND FINANCE**To Include****Total of Statutory payments January 11th 2017****2016 as agreed****April 6th 2016****£ 1408.74****Other variable payments**

Decision Power website management for the period to March 2017	£ 340.74
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Office Expenditure for the period October 2016 to December 2016	£ 161.23
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E'on Account December 2016	£ 26.09
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Resolution to approve the above payments

Confirmation of precept level set for 2017/18 confirmed to SDC In December 2016

Application for a grant to Nuttall Trust completed and awaiting Outcome.

MATERS OF CONSIDERATION**282/16 Crooked Lane any updates from Axe Brue on commencement of work**

No further updates on this work however it is hoped that the work will Commence once improved weather allows.

283/16_Affordable Housing provision and any further developments timescales

The Council agreed unanimously on the principle of providing affordable Housing In the Village of Brent Knoll although at this stage there is no formal agreement from Sedgemoor on the locations and timings. It is hoped to gain more updated information in February followed by a public consultation

284/16_Mendip Community Transport

It was resolved that the Chairman place an article in the BKN to ascertain the need of users of this service and alternatives.

285/16 East Ride matters to consider

Quotes to be sought for fencing at the end of East Ride where the ownership of the fence is in question.

286/16 Annual Parish Meeting speaker

The Wessex Water team and the affordable housing team will be asked to update the village on these two very important matters affecting the village

287/16 Millennium Oak Plaque

It was resolved to approve the purchase of new sign from Arien Signs at a cost of £40.00

MATTERS OF REPORT

288/16 Slippery Pavements where new has been recently laid
Replacement Batteries needed for SID agreed by meeting

289/16 Police and Crime Commissioner grants

Next Meeting : February 1st 2016 and Parish Surgery at 4pm on the same day in the Jubilee room at the Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.50pm